

## **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended)      An image-pickup apparatus to which a lens apparatus can be mounted removably, comprising:

        a linking box provided with a lens mount portion to which the lens apparatus can be mounted;

        an image-pickup device unit that receives light that has passed through the lens mount portion and the linking box; and

        a main chassis that is arranged between the linking box and the image-pickup device unit, and that includes an aperture portion through which the light passes;

        wherein the linking box is fixed to the main chassis, and the image-pickup device unit is fixed to the linking box from a side opposite to the linking box side with respect to the main chassis.

2. (Original)    The image-pickup apparatus according to claim 1,

        wherein the linking box is fastened to the main chassis at a plurality of fastening positions, and the image-pickup device unit is fastened to the linking box at a plurality of fastening positions; and

        wherein each of the fastening positions at which the linking box is fastened to the main chassis is located at a position near or adjacent to one of a plurality of the fastening positions at which the image-pickup device unit is fastened to the linking box.

3. (Original) The image-pickup apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein at least a portion of the linking box that is near a location where the lens mount portion is provided is linked to a linking portion provided integrally with the main chassis.
4. (Original) The image-pickup apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein at least a portion of the linking box that is near a location where the lens mount portion is provided and the main chassis are linked by a linking member.
5. (Original) The image-pickup apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein the linking box is provided with a viewfinder optical system and a mirror unit that reflects light and guides it toward the viewfinder optical system.
6. (Original) The image-pickup apparatus according to claim 5,  
wherein the viewfinder optical system comprises a focusing screen that serves as an image-forming plane of the light that has been reflected by the mirror unit.
7. (Original) The image-pickup apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein the linking box further is provided with a focus detection unit that performs focus detection based on the light that has been reflected by the mirror unit.
8. (Original) The image-pickup apparatus according to claim 1,  
wherein the main chassis is a metal component.

9. (Original) The image-pickup apparatus according to claim 8,  
wherein the main chassis is a metal component made by press-forming.
10. (Original) The image-pickup apparatus according to claim 4,  
wherein the linking member is a component made of a conductive material.
11. (Original) The image-pickup apparatus according to claim 4,  
wherein the linking member is a metal component made by press-forming.
12. (Currently Amended) An image-pickup system comprising:  
an image-pickup apparatus comprising:  
a linking box provided with a lens mount portion;  
an image-pickup device unit that receives light that has passed through the lens  
mount portion and the linking box; and  
a main chassis that is arranged between the linking box and the image-pickup  
device unit, and that includes an aperture portion through which the light passes; and  
a lens apparatus that comprises an image-taking lens and that can be mounted removably  
to the lens mount portion;  
wherein the linking box is fixed to the main chassis, and the image-pickup device unit is  
fixed to the linking box from a side opposite to the linking box side with respect to the main  
chassis, and the image-pickup device unit receives light that has passed through the lens  
apparatus.